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1. NORTH VIETNAM IS NOT SUFFERING PARTICULARLY AS A RESULT OF THE US BOMBINGS. ECONOMIC AND CIVILIAN LOSSES ARE RATHER ACCIDENTAL AND SMALL. THE BOMBING RAIDS ARE DIRECTED MAINLY AGAINST MILITARY TARGETS AND TRANSPORT. DURING A BOMBING RAID ON THE SUBURBS OF HANOI A TRANSPORT BATTALION WAS HIT. A VILLAGE NEAR HANOI WHICH WAS BURNED DURING A BOMBING RAID WAS A LARGE POL STORAGE CENTER. SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILE AND ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY BATTERIES ARE FREQUENTLY CONCEALED BY SIMPLE BAMBOO HUTS. VARIOUS

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SETTLEMENTS, AND THEY BECOME THE TARGETS OF BOMBING RAIDS. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES THERE ARE FIRES IN THE VILLAGES AND CIVILIAN LOSSES. THE PRECISION OF THE BOMBING IS VERY HIGH.

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